

# Fort Caspar Museum

Fort Caspar Museum offers two types of learning opportunities for students: site tours and discovery trunks.

## **Site Tours**

School groups experience the site with a guide and participate in two activities: a tour of the fort and grounds, as well as gallery exploration.

Tours of the fort and grounds concentrate on the trail and Army eras and include a walking tour of the reconstructed fort buildings, in addition to replicas of the Mormon Ferry and the Guinard Bridge. Students focus on looking and listening during this activity.

The Museum Gallery features exhibits on pre-historic peoples, western

**Availability:** guided tours available mid-April through mid-October by reservation; self-guided tours available year-round with reservations recommended. Fort buildings are closed in the winter.  
**Program:** 1.5-2 hours  
**Fee:** \$10 per group or \$.50 per student, if less than 20; teachers, chaperones & bus drivers, free; cash, check, credit card or LPOs accepted.

emigrant trails, frontier army, 100 years of the city of Casper history, the oil industry, cattle and sheep ranching, and the energy industry. Following an introduction to the activity and a review of museum manners, grade-appropriate activity sheets guide the students through the exhibits. Students focus on reading and writing during this activity.

Additionally, special exhibits may be available for viewing.

Prior to the visit, schools receive an Educator's Guide by email. The guide includes information about the site tours, as well as pre- and post-visit activities.

Site tours meet the following social studies essential curriculum:

### 3rd Grade:

Unit #3 - Casper Economy

Unit #4 - Casper History

### 4th Grade:

Unit #4 - Trails & Emigrants

Unit #6 - Indian Wars

### 8th Grade:

Unit #4 - Expansion & Reform

## **Discovery Trunks**

Discovery trunks allow you to bring history in a hands-on format into your classroom. Each trunk contains reproduction objects, audiovisual materials, books and activities that your

students can see, smell and touch. The teacher's guide includes background information, suggested lessons, and activities, as well as a bibliography.

Six topics are available: Plains Indians, Explorers, Mountain Men, Pioneers, Frontier Army, and Cowboys. Discovery trunks meet the following social studies essential curriculum:

### 4th Grade:

Unit #2 - American Indians, Wyoming Region

Unit #3 - Mountain Men, Missionaries & Explorers

Unit #4 - Trails & Emigrants

Unit #6 - Indian Wars

### 8th Grade:

Unit #4 - Expansion & Reform

Unit #5 - From Sea to Shining Sea

Check the website at [www.fortcasparwyoming.com](http://www.fortcasparwyoming.com) and click on "School Programs" for more information. To make a reservation for any of these programs, contact Curator of Education Erin Rose by phone at 235-8462 or by email at [erose@cityofcasperwy.com](mailto:erose@cityofcasperwy.com).

**Availability:** Year-round  
**Fee:** \$2 per trunk; cash, check, credit card or LPOs accepted.  
**Rental:** Friday-Thursday. Multiple week rentals may be available.